Trials of Neem based contraceptive for use of women

2445. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that close on heels of the beta HCG-Vaccine (the first ever contraceptive to make use of a women's own immune system), the N.I.I. (National Institute of Immunology) has embarked on clinical trials of a neem based contraceptive; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the trials on the efficiency of Beta-HCG vaccines and the main features of the new neem-based contraceptive ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Beta HCG vaccine was tried on 152 women. All these women developed antibody titre against HCG. The efficacy of this vaccine in prevention of pregnancy in women whose antibody titres are above 50 mg/ml of HCG binding capacity has been proved.

Shortage of oral conraceptive and IUDs

2446. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Contraceptive shortage hits FP scheme" appeared in the Pioneer of 19th October, 1992;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that acute shortage of (Nargestrol) oral contraceptives and IUDs has adversely affected the family planning programme this year; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to ensure regular supplies of these basic materials for implementation of the population control programme ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There has been some shortage. Supplies of oral pills are now being made to the States. Consequent to finalisation of rate contracts by DGS&D of IUD, production has started. Effective monitoring is being done to ensure that supplies are expeditiously made available.

Suggestion on composition of oral Dehydration Solution

2447. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the World Health Organisation has suggested a formula in respect of composition of oral dehydration solution;

(b) if so, whether the Indian manufacturers of oral dehydration solution are adhering to the said formula;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that oral dehydration solution available in the country conforms to the standard formula ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Indian manufacturers of Oral Rehydrating solutions (ORS) manufacture ORS as per its composition in the India Pharmacopoeia; the Indian Pharmacopoeia has introduced three formulae of ORS, including that of the World Health Organisation. Two of the three approved formulae are as per WHO's recommendation : the third formula is under review.

Drive against Illegal Medical Practitioners

2448. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a a fact that the Delhi Administration recently launched a drive against medical practitioners in the city who are called as quacks and whose qualifications are not recognised by the Delhi Medical Association;